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**MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of Defense**

**SUBJECT: Handling of Products and Information  
Resulting from Reconnaissance  
over Communist China in  
Taiwan Straits Crisis**

1. It is of greatest importance to the United States Government that in the current Taiwan Straits crisis the products of overflight reconnaissance and the information derived therefrom should be immediately exploited and the information reported to all interested consumers as promptly as possible.

2. The United States Intelligence Board through its subcommittee, the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance (COMOR), has established the photo reconnaissance objectives which can contribute to our evaluation of the nature, scope, and purpose of the Communist Chinese buildup. Approved TACKLE missions will be directed against these targets as quickly as weather conditions permit. Arrangements have been made for the prompt processing and interpretation of the photography by CINCPAC's photo center

3. The United States Intelligence Board requirements have likewise been made available to the Defense Intelligence Agency for transmittal to the Joint Reconnaissance Center of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for use in planning the approved [ ] reconnaissance

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missions. I have requested the Central Intelligence Agency to render all necessary assistance to the United States Air Force to the end that the [ ] photography will be processed and reported as expeditiously and as competently as possible.

4. In both of these programs alert procedures are in force to insure that there will be maximum collection of information bearing upon enemy reaction to this reconnaissance.

5. I am designating the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance to serve as the focal point for the intelligence community to monitor these various arrangements.

John A. McCone  
Director

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